

" The force must be supplied with the necessary engineer and pontoon trains, and with transportation for everything save tents. Its general line of operations should be so directed that water transportation can be availed of from point to point by means of the ocean and the rivers emptying into it. An essential feature of the plan of operations will be the employment of a strong naval force, to protect the movement of a fleet of transports intended to convey a considerable body of troops from point to point of the enemy's sea-coast, thus either creating diversions and rendering it necessary for them to detach largely from their main body in order to protect such of their cities as may be threatened, or else landing and forming establishments on their coast at any favorable places that opportunity might offer. This naval force should also co-operate with the main army in its efforts to seize the important seaboard towns of the rebels."

This movement through the Atlantic States of the Confederacy was to be the main operation of the war. From it he expected the most decisive results.

" I propose, with the force which I have requested, not only to drive the enemy out of Virginia and occupy Richmond, but to occupy Charleston,

Savannah, Montgomery, Pensacola, Mobile
and New
Orleans; in other words, to move into
the heart of
the enemy's country and crush the
rebellion in its
very heart." *

The last clause does not seem to us to
describe

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